GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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REQUIREMENT OF LPG IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated monthly requirement of LPG in West Bengal, district-wise at present and the supply position thereof ;

(b) the steps, the Government have taken to meet the full requirement of LPG in the State ; (

(c) whether the rural areas of the State are being neglected in supply of LPG ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures, the Government propose to take in this regard ?

Answer

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PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) and (b) : The average monthly requirement / sales of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) during the current financial year 2001-2002 in West Bengal is about 32 Thousand Metric Tonne (TMT).The demand of LPG customers enrolled with the OMCs in the State is being met by and large in full.

(c) and (d) : OMCs have planned to increase their LPG distribution network by opening of LPG distributorships at viable locations in the country including West Bengal. Accordingly, 46 locations have been included in marketing Plan 1999-2000 for setting up of LPG distributorships in rural areas of West Bengal apart from locations planned in the previous marketing plans. Further, existing LPG distributors are also allowed to increase their area of operation by 30 Kilometers in rural areas to release the LPG connections to the customers.